


COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Arbor Day Foundation Says...

The Value of Trees to a Community. The following are some statistics on just how important trees are in a community setting.

- The net cooling effect of a young, healthy tree is equivalent to ten room-size air conditioners operating 20 hours a day. *U.S. Department of Agriculture.*
- A mature tree can often have an appraised value of between \$1,000 and \$10,000. *Council of Tree and Landscape Appraisers*
- If you plant a tree today on the west side of your home, in 5 years your energy bills should be 3% less. In 15 years the savings will be nearly 12%. *Dr. E. Greg McPherson, Center for Urban Forest Research*

 **Come celebrate the new playground equipment and Restroom at the Hometown Park on August 28th at 10am!**

Do You Know About Broadband?

The City is seeking to establish an interest group about bettering broadband in Donald. Are you a person that knows a lot about this subject? Do you have ideas about how to make better broadband in Donald? If you have skills and knowledge about broadband, we would welcome your expertise to serve on this interest group, please contact either Heidi at City Hall 503-678-5543, or Mayor Rick Olmsted at mayorolmsted@donaldoregon.gov.

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Community Notes

City Hall Hours: Monday through Thursday 8am to 4pm and Fridays 8am to 12pm. We are closed for lunch from 12pm to 1pm. For those that prefer a contactless experience, please ring the doorbell and staff will assist you through the walk-up window.

Backyard Burning: is closed from June 16 through September 30, 2021. Agriculture burning is allowed from 8am to 7pm. The phone number to call for information is 877-982-0011 and it is updated daily by 9am daily. To report violations call DEQ: 503-378-8240.

Flash Alerts: The City of Donald has a Flash Alerts account. This is a way for the City to send out an email or push notification to you immediately. You can sign up to receive them at www.flashalerts.net or download the app onto your smart phone. Also, on Flash Alerts you will find many other organizations like: Marion County Sheriff's Office, N. Marion School District or other nearby government agencies and nonprofit organizations. For those that don't have an email/smart phone device, the City will continue to post emergency posters on all community bulletin boards.

City Calendar for August 2021

Mon 2– Fri 6: Construction on Main Street
Mon 2: Council Work Session 6:45pm
Wed 4: Last Day to register for City-Wide Garage Sale!
Thurs 5: Official Garage Sale Maps available
Fri 6—Sun 8: City-Wide Garage Sale
Tue 10: City Council Meeting 6:45pm
Thurs 12: Municipal Court 10:30am
Sat 15: Water & Sewer Bills Due
Mon 16: Red Tags Delivered for Water & Sewer 10am
Mon 16: Donald Beautification Group Meeting 6:30pm
Wed 18: Water Shut Offs for Delinquent Accts. 10am
Mon 23: Late Fees Applied to Delinquent Accts. 8am
Mon 23: Street Sweeper—Move Property Off Street
Tue 24: Water Meter Reads
Thurs 26: Planning Commission Meeting 6:45pm



DONALD MONTHLY RECORD

Awesome Donations!

The Donald Beautification Group (DBG) received flower and plant donations from Garden World, Al's Garden in Woodburn, and Fessler Nursery to fill the flower pots that are located downtown.

The pots were purchased through a grant with the Ford Family. The soil was donated generously by Sun Gro who is located both in Hubbard and Donald. "The DBG group is so happy the new



 flower pots are planted with donations from local nurseries, so nice to see Donald blooming! Thanks to all who donated time and materials for this effort!" said Connie Lindsay, DBG Chair. "We are so blessed and grateful that Mardee, horticulturist at Garden World and Patrick and his team from Al's Garden not only donated the beautiful plants but personally planted the arrangements. They were a joy to work with." - Krista Fogelson, DBG Recruitment and Social Media Chair.

Community Center Reopens

On June 30, 2021 the Donald Community Center reopened with no restrictions for COVID. The Community Center can be reserved in-person at City Hall or on the city's website. The deposit is \$1/ per person, with a max of 31 people. We do request that people donate their deposit to help pay for the fixed costs.

DONALD'S CITY-WIDE



AUGUST 6TH THROUGH AUGUST 8TH

— **SALES START DAILY AT 9AM** —

Register by August 4th to be included on map

Official garage sale maps will be available August 5th at the following locations:

⇒ Online at www.DonaldOregon.gov

⇒ Donald City Hall - 10710 Main St. NE

⇒ Happy Street Market- 10750 Main St. NE

⇒ The Donald Tavern - 10791 Main St. NE

⇒ Center Market - 10801 Main St. NE

visit www.DonaldOregon.gov for more info.

Vegetation

Please remember to keep your vegetation trimmed. The City has several codes that require people to keep their lawns trimmed and weeds clipped. While it creates a beautiful environment, it is also helping mitigate fire dangers. If you are able to help others, please offer your neighbors in need your skills to clip their yards and vegetation. Our small town has a lot of helpful people, please work on making these good-neighbor type connections.



Summary of City Council Meeting

July 13th: Regular Meeting— The City Council had a busy meeting. There was one public hearing for the Development Code, along with a reading of the Ordinance to approve it. At the August meeting the Council will hold a second reading of this Ordinance, and then following a 30-day appeal period the new Development

City Council	Term
Rick Olmsted, Mayor	2022
Councilors:	
Katie Gonzalez , President	2022
Troy Hellickson	2022
Alysha Irvin	2024
Lauren Ostrander	2024
Gerry Waller	2022
Vacant	2024

Code will be active. There was discussion about the end of the fiscal year expenditure report that showed the City was on target for revenues and expenses. Also, discussion about the City-Wide Garage Sale and Clean Up Day events. Under New Business, Council approved the following items:

- ♦ “ The report that was completed by a consultant regarding the rates to charge developers for System Development Charges was approved. This is for the water, wastewater, storm water, transportation and park systems. This includes all of the new infrastructure needed to serve the land that is in the urban growth boundary. The study and resolution can be found on the City’s website.
- ♦ “ A home occupation license for Forrest Creations.
- ♦ “ A resolution for the new Public Works Standards.
- ♦ “ An updated City Staff Salary Schedule for the Accounting/Building Clerk and Operator positions.

Council Work Session: August 2nd at 6:45pm

Next Regular Meeting: August 10th at 6:45pm

City Hall: 10710 Main Street NE

Agendas Posted on Website and Community Boards

Clean Up Day

This year, Clean-Up Day will be held on Saturday, September 11 from 8am to 1pm. It will be at the Sewer Treatment Plant, 10510 Donald Road. The Council and staff will pick up resident’s garbage that they cannot bring to the Sewer Plant themselves. The point of Clean Up Day is for people to remove garbage, yard debris, and recycle items from their property. Residents that have buildup of these items on their properties are invited to take advantage of this free event. (Suggested donation of \$5) If you’re able, please offer to help move your neighbor’s stuff to the curb for them, or call City Hall and sign up to serve as a volunteer at the Sewer Treatment Plant on the day of Clean Up Day. We are working on the recycle items that we will be taking but there will be options for people to get rid of garbage, yard debris, scrap metal, household batteries, and glass. There are certain restrictions, which will be posted on the City’s website and community boards late August. If you have a special need for Curbside Pick-Up please call City Hall by Friday, September 10th at 12pm. This event is powered by Mayor Olmsted, Councilors, Planning Commissioners, Donald Beautification Group Members, and Donald Public Works. Thanks to all the volunteers for their hard work to make this popular event happen. Call City Hall: 503-678-5543, or register on the City’s website 24/7 for the curb-side pickup.

Recruiting for a City Councilor

On July 16th, Jan Olsen submitted a letter of resignation from the City Council. The City’s Charter provides the process for filling vacancies on Council that happen mid-term. If you are interested in serving as a Councilor, please submit an application by August 10, 2021. Applications can be found on the City’s website or picked up at City Hall between the public hours of Monday through Thursday 8:30am to 3:30pm. The application packet contains more details, including how to submit your application. City Councilors are volunteers (unpaid) and have to be a registered voter and lived in Donald for the immediate previous 12 months. The person would serve until the end of the term on Dec. 31, 2024. At their August 10th meeting the Council will review applications and interview candidates that are interested in serving as a Councilor. The meeting is in-person at City Hall at 6:45pm and applicants are highly encouraged to attend.

Wipes in Donald’s Sewer System

Public Works Staff is working with Carl’s Septic to pump, inspect, and clean out all the septic tanks in Zone #5. The City is divided into five zones, which are rotated through a five-year schedule. You can view the pumping schedule on the City’s website. This work is done July and August. Before the pumping team comes to your home, or business, a 24-hour notice is hung on the door. We ask you to remove any personal items from the septic tank’s lid, and nearby.

Public Works is responsive to a pager that is available to our customers any day of the year, and at any time. We urge you to page the Public Works Department immediately if your septic tank alarm sounds. It is a traditional pager system, so you must leave a message, including your name, address, phone number and a short description of the problem. The pager number is 503-301-6479, you can pick up a magnet at City Hall with this information on it.

When they come onsite to resolve the issues, they occasionally notice that some of the problems can be prevented.

Please keep “disposable wipes” out of the toilet. Even though the packaging says “flushable” they are not. These products cause expensive and time-consuming repairs for utilities and in the property owner’s pipes too. They can clog public sewer pipes, septic tank truck equipment when solids are pumped out, and also damage sewer pumps in the septic tank. When solids are taken to Salem’s wastewater treatment plant for disposal, of these solids cause major damage to their operational treatment equipment such as pumps, screening machines and aeration systems leading to sewer backups and millions of dollars in equipment damage. Besides wipes, we see other items in the sewer pipes that do not dissolve, like grease, oils, and sanitary products, which also can create a real problem.

The State Legislature recently approved House Bill 2344, requiring wipes companies to change their packaging, the City of Donald sent a support letter for this bill. It is a triumph for water districts and local governments throughout the state. Oregon is the second state to pass this type of legislation.

If you can throw it in the trash, don’t throw it down the toilet, save yourself and your wastewater utility from a pain in the drain - put wipes, grease, oils, fats, rags and towels in the trash, and not down the toilet.

“The COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated an already growing problem caused by a glut of products marketed as flushable, when in fact they were clogging and damaging residential and community pipes,” said Susie Smith, director of the Oregon Association of Clean Water Agencies. “We are grateful to the cities, agencies and legislators who championed this common-sense requirement.”

Construction on Main

Main Street will undergo construction work starting on Monday, August 2 through Friday, August 6, 2021. The construction crew will grind down about 6 inches of pavement and then put a new layer on. During the construction work, the side streets downtown will be closed to thru traffic. Side streets closed to thru traffic are Crisell, Feller, and Williams Streets. People who live on these streets can get to their homes, but they have to enter and exit using a street other than Main Street. There will be flaggers on Main Street. Please keep in mind that construction schedules are always subject to change with little notice. For those that have a property on Main Street: The contractor will build temporary ramps at the home driveways. These ramps will still be abrupt and there will be periods of time that they are inaccessible. The County and contractor will do their best to work with everyone but if it’s at all possible to park on the side streets, that would be best. They understand that there may be some special circumstances with homeowners needing to park in their driveway, and they will try to address those issues as they arise. This does match up with the City of Donald's Annual City-Wide Garage Sale event that starts on Friday, August 6 but by at that point the construction is expected to be very minimal. Thank you to Brandon who is the Marion CO Resurfacing Project Manager. He worked with the construction company to minimize the impact for the Garage Sale Event. Questions: Call City Hall 503-678-5543 or email Heidi Bell at manager@donaldoregon.gov.



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